

Grievance Form

Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss. ☐ Mr. ☒

YOUR NAME: Thomas Cecil    
Last First MI Phone No.

PERMANENT ADDRESS:      
Street Email Address

Cinti Hamilton Ohio 45217  
City County State Zip Code

ABOUT WHOM ARE YOU COMPLAINING ?

(Please circle) ATTORNEY or JUDGE

NAME: Refer to Attached Statement     
Last First MI Phone No.

ADDRESS:   
Street

City County State Zip Code

Have you filed this grievance with any other agency or bar association?

☒ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide name of that agency and date of filing: Ohio Attorney General date: 8/8/19

Did you receive a response?: ☐ Yes ☐ No IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY

Did this attorney represent you? ☐ Yes ☐ No Type of case:

Date the attorney was hired:  Does s/he still represent you?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you pay the attorney a fee/retainer? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how much?:

Did you sign a written fee agreement/contract? ☐ Yes ☐ No IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY

Has the attorney sued you for fees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you brought civil or criminal court action against this attorney or judge? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide name of court and case number

Result of court action:

Name and contact information for attorney currently representing you, if different than attorney about whom you are complaining:

Does this grievance involve a case that is still pending before a court? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide name of court and case number:

What action or resolution are you seeking from this office? I'm expecting a thorough investigation by the proper investigative body to determine whether or not there were criminal and/or administrative violations.

**List the name, address, and daytime telephone number of persons who can provide information, IF NECESSARY, in support of your grievance.**

**PHONE NO.**

**Briefly explain the facts of your grievance in chronological order, including dates and a description of the conduct committed by this legal professional. Attach COPIES (DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS) of any correspondence and documents that support your grievance.**

Refer to Attached Documents

Refer to Attachments

The Rules of the Supreme Court of Ohio require that investigations be confidential. Please keep confidential the fact that you are submitting this grievance. The party against whom you are filing your grievance will receive notice of your grievance and may receive a copy of your grievance and be asked to respond to your allegations.

Signature

Cecil Thomas

Date

8/8/19

UNSIGNED COMPLAINTS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.



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## Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission – Complaint Form

Section 1. Complainant Information					
Name *	Cecil Thomas			Date *	8/8/2019
Address	[REDACTED]				
City	Cincinnati	State	OHIO	Zip Code	45217
Phone (c)	[REDACTED]		Phone (h)	[REDACTED]	
Email	[REDACTED]				
Section 2. Complaint Information					
<p>"Organized criminal activity" means any combination or conspiracy to engage in activity that constitutes "engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity;" any violation, combination of violations, or conspiracy to commit one or more violations of section 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 2925.11 of the Revised Code other than a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is a minor drug possession offense; or any criminal activity that relates to the corruption of a public official, as defined in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code, or of a public servant of the type described in division (B)(3) of that section.</p>					
Nature of Complaint (Type of Organized Criminal Activity – as described above) *					
See Attachments.					
Location (County or City) *		Hamilton County			
Location (Additional information)		[REDACTED]			
Below, provide the name, some type of identifying information, and their involvement in your complaint (witnesses, victims, involved parties, suspect, etc.). *					
Name	Identifying Information		Involvement		
See Attached	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		


Below, provide an overview of your complaint including alleged organized criminal activity, involved parties, etc. \*

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### Section 3. Supplemental Information

List and provide any items that may assist in our evaluation of your complaint (i.e. audio or video recordings, pictures, documents, etc.)

Item	Description

### Section 4. Additional Information

Other Law Enforcement Agencies Contacted:


Additional Information:

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*Please be advised, OOCIC complaints are kept confidential in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 177.02. If this complaint leads to the formation of a task force, the establishment of the task force, appointment and identity of the task force director, task force members, the investigation, and identity of individuals being investigated will be confidential until an indictment is returned or court action is initiated. If this complaint does not result in the formation of a task force, that will also remain confidential.*

**SUBMIT**

Attorney General Dave Yost

Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor

As the elected Senator representing the 9th District of the State of Ohio, I have a sworn duty to assure the citizens of the 9th District will be treated fair and equal at all levels of government including the Criminal Justice System. No one's above the law including judges and prosecutors who have a sworn duty to uphold the law.

On September 17, 2013 Prosecutor Joe Deters filed a motion requesting special prosecutors, and on the same day Judge Beth Myers filed an entry with the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts appointing special prosecutors, for the purpose of fully investigating and prosecuting this matter (Judge Tracie Hunter) from this point forward, in the courts of Hamilton County, and, if necessary, the Courts of the State of Ohio. (Approximately, a week prior, Judge Hunter had filed an official complaint with the Ohio Supreme Court against Deters and the Prosecutor's Office, citing conflicts of interest.)

Judge Myers by order of the court, then appointed Merlyn Schiverdecker, and R. Scott Croswell III to act as Special Prosecutors relative to above-referenced matter and to handle all subsequent proceedings that may arise there from.

By filing this motion without due diligence, Judge Myers subsequently appointed Prosecutor Joe Deters personal lawyers and friends who has represented him regarding personal litigations. In fact, one attorney, R. Scott Croswell is a partner in the law firm of Croswell and Adams CO., LPA the law firm that represented Deters in his divorce. There are numerous other examples, available upon request, that will show just how close these attorneys are to Prosecutor Deters.

When publicly questioned regarding the appointments, she stated, **"I dealt with things as they were presented to me." "I will continue to do that."**

Prosecutor Deters has maintain all along that he didn't recommend these appointments, that it was strictly done by the Common Pleas Court. However, according to an Enquirer newspaper report from reporter Kimbell Perry dated June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014, he twice reference Joe Deters role in the appointments. He writes, Hamilton County prosecutors, who suggested veteran defense attorneys Merly Schiverdecker and R. Scott Croswell III be appointed. And he writes, Not the Judge who appointed them on Prosecutor Joe Deters recommendation. (Full article attached.)

Joe Deters requested a special prosecutor because he had a conflict. As such, by law, his only participation is to make the request and provide reasoning. Judge Myers role is to decide whether to honor the request, and if so, to appoint with the assurance there are no conflicts. It appears neither Deters nor Myers followed the law to assure Judge Hunter received a fair trial, free of any biases and she appears to have played a role in unlawfully securing a public contract.

By appointing Joe Deters personal lawyers, who has represented him in personal matters, any reasonable thinking person can conclude there are inherit conflicts. First, the mere personal relationship speaks for itself. Second, by honoring his recommendation to hire his personal lawyers, in essence, she played a role in using her public office to secure a public contract (Approximately \$700,000) for the

personal lawyers of another public official. If these attorneys were in fact recommendations from Prosecutor Deters, Judge Myers had a judicial responsibility to determine there were no conflicts before honoring the recommendation. She obviously, did not do that. Her careless handling of this matter brings into question whether Judge Hunter received a fair trial, free of any biases or conflicts.

Joe Deters has maintain that he had nothing whatsoever so do with the appointment. Beth Myers will only say, I dealt with things as they were presented to me. These responses are unacceptable. Public officials are employees of the people, and they are held accountable by the people. Every citizen that comes before the judicial system should expect to be treated fair and equal according to the law. It appears, Judge Hunter was not treated fair and equal nor does it appear the special prosecutors were appointed according to law. Someone isn't being truthful.

Therefore, on behalf of the citizens of Hamilton County, we are requesting a joint investigation by the Supreme Court and the office of the Attorney General, and a special prosecutor be appointed accordingly, to do a thorough investigation to determine if any laws were violated in the appointment of special prosecutors, Merlyn Schiverdecker and R. Scott Croswell. We're also asking the Supreme Court to require the full cooperation of Judge Myers, Prosecutor Joe Deters, and attorneys Schiverdecker and Croswell in the investigation.